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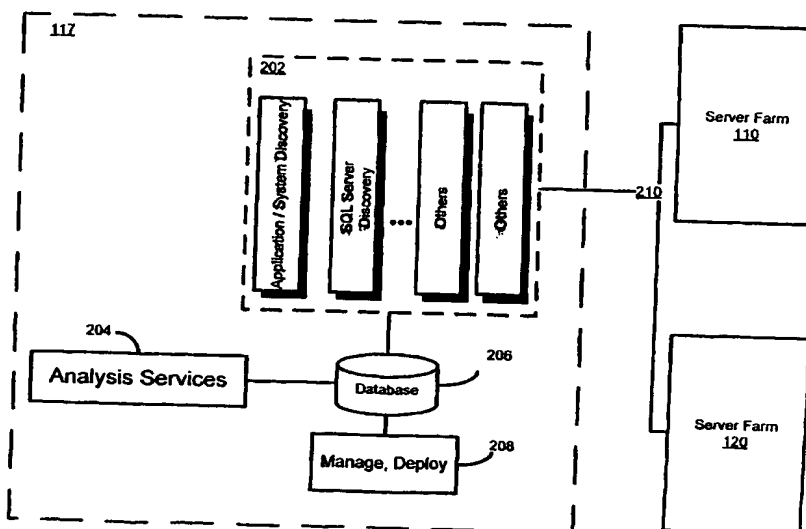
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(57) Abstract: Computing device parameters, particularly for use in consolidating services (117) performed on a plurality of computing devices (202) such as servers in a server farm (110), can be compared (Fig. 2). A storage device (206) stores data set files that contain information collected from computing devices such as servers in a server farm (120). The data set files contain information indicative of the characteristics of the computing devices. The data set files describe the information in a markup language such as XML. A first relational database has tables configured to accept data from the data set files. A set of computer-readable instructions (202) are capable of loading the data from the data set files into the tables of the first relational database so that the two data sets can be compared to each other.

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